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SUBJ: DOMESTIC SATELLITE SYSTEM

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1. JORNAL DO BRASIL OF FEBRUARY 6 REPORTS PRESIDENT GEISEL HAS APPROVED ESTABLISHMENT OF A DOMESTIC COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE SYSTEM. QUOTING COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER QUANDT EXTENSIVELY, NEWSPAPER REPORTS PROPOSED SYSTEM WILL CONSIST OF A SINGLE STATIONARY SATELLITE (WITH TWO RESERVES, ONE IN ORBIT AND ONE ON THE GROUND) AND FIFTY GROUND STATIONS. MINISTER QUANDT HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH PRESENTING TO THE PRESIDENT A DETAILED PLAN FOR APPROVAL AND IMPLEMENTATION.

2. JORNAL DO BRASIL ARTICLE CLAIOS PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL BIDDING FOR SYSTEM WILL TAKE PLACE BY THE END OF 1975. INSTALLATION EXPECTED TO BE FINISHED WITHIN TWO YEARS AFTER BIDDING COMPLETED. MINISTER QUANDT IS REPORTED TO HAVE ESTIMATED COST OF SYSTEM AT 150 MILLION DOLLARS, WITH 80 PERCENT OF THE COST EXPECTED TO BE "FINANCED EXTERNALLY",
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PRESUMABLY MOSTLY THE SATELLITE ITSELF. ARTICLE REPORTS

ALSO THAT PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO LOCAL MANUFACTURERS
IN PURCHASES OF GROUND STATION EQUIPMENT.

3. SATELLITE WILL LINK AMAZON REGION WITH REST OF COUNTRY,
SERVE AS BACK-UP FOR MICROWAVE SYSTEM, AND CARRY EDUCATIONAL
PROGRAMS TO ISOLATED REGIONS.

4. COMMENT: THIS DECISION HAD LONG BEEN EXPECTED (SEE REFTEL).
DETAILED REPORT WILL FOLLOW.

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